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Title: ***COOKING SALT FORMULATIONS AND METHODS***

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RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003. No amendment is made to the instant application as it is Applicants' position that the instant invention is patentable.

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in this application. Applicants maintain that the instant response addresses all of the outstanding grounds for rejection imposed in the June 30, 2003 Office Action issued in the instant application and that each of the pending claims 1-44 are in a condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-44 under 35 U.S.C. §103 for the reasons which are clearly stated in the office action. Applicants shall address the Examiner's rejection below.